

Introduction

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Vision

Do you agree or disagree with the overall vision for the minerals and petroleum sector in New Zealand?

Disagree

Why?

It doesn't go far enough quickly enough to prevent severe climate change. It doesn't distinguish between fossil fuels and other minerals which have less environmental impact. For example rock and concrete can be mined with low impact whereas gold causes major environmental destruction. Metals essential for transition to a zero carbon economy such as lithium and cobalt should be given priority over gold.

What is your vision for the minerals and petroleum sector in New Zealand?

That it aligns with the governments policy on climate change which is to reduce to zero carbon by 2050 as per the Paris accord.

How can New Zealand sustainably derive value from its petroleum and minerals resources?

By making sure we are working toward zero carbon by 2050

Objectives for the minerals and petroleum sector

Objective for a sector that: "Responsibly delivers value for New Zealand (a) Supporting a productive, sustainable and inclusive economy (b) Supporting New Zealand's transition to a carbon neutral economy".

Agree

Why?

As long as the ecosystem and biodiversity must be protected not just respected, respected means nothing in real terms

Objective for a sector that: "Is productive and innovative".

Neither agree nor disagree

Why?

So long as use of gas is stopped. It still has carbon dioxide emissions more like 60% than the 50% that's quoted. It should be phased out like coal and oil.

Objective for a sector that: "Is effectively regulated".

Strongly agree

Why?

Definitely needs regulation to ensure requirements are met.

Are there any other objectives for the minerals and petroleum sector that you would like us to consider in the strategy?

Guiding principles

Principle: The environment, ecosystems, and biodiversity are respected now and in the long term.

Strongly disagree

Why?

Needs to be changed to protected with qualification of what that means in practical terms

Principle: Māori cultural interests are understood and respected.

Strongly disagree

Why?

Principle: Support the transition to a carbon neutral economy by 2050.

Agree

Why?

Timeframes should be set for the phase out of fossil fuels starting with no new coal mines oil or gas wells and protecting essential uses of these fuels for things like steel production while closing down use where there are good substitutes like electricity generation asap.

Principle: The impact on people, communities and regions are managed in a just and inclusive way.

Disagree

Why?

If we go above 1.5 degrees warming be so we didn't do it fast enough what will be the disastrous impact on those communities future generations? For example continuing production and exploration under current permits puts property rights of mining's ahead of transition to zero carbon.

Principle: Support a circular economy by meeting resource needs through resource efficiency, recycling and reuse.

Agree

Why?

However lip service is paid to this currently this needs a strategy of its own about the steps to get there.

Principle: Actions taken within the mineral and petroleum sector should align with the strategic direction of other related sectors and Government strategies.

Why?

Do you agree or disagree with each of the following principles for the Crown?

Principle: The Crown honours its duty towards Māori as a Treaty partner, adheres to the Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi and its duty to meet settlement commitments.

Strongly agree

Why?

Principle: The Crown receives a fair financial return for its minerals and petroleum.

Why?

Principle: The Crown regulates in a way that is fair, transparent, reasonable and proportionate.

Why?

Principle: The Crown honours the rights of current permit holders to continue production or exploration activities under existing permits.

Strongly disagree

Why?

We wont meet targets for zero carbon by 2050 if we do this or stay below 1.5 degrees warming.

Principle: The Crown makes policy decisions based on the best evidence, and accounting for the foreseeable need for minerals and petroleum, both now and for future generations.

Why?

Principle: The Crown proactively engages and consults with relevant stakeholders and decisions are communicated in a clear and transparent way.

Why?

Do you agree or disagree with each of the following principles for Industry?

Principle: Pursue continuous improvements in health and safety.

Strongly agree

Why?

Principle: Strive to implement industry best practice in operations.

Strongly agree

Why?

Principle: Seek innovative ways to improve the resource efficiency of extraction operations; and minimise the negative impacts of these operations.

Strongly agree

Why?

So long as we are stopping extraction of gas oil and coal

Principle: Engage with stakeholders and implement management systems to understand and manage impacts, and realise opportunities for redress where needed.

Strongly agree

Why?

Are there any other principles you would like us to consider in the strategy?

Action areas intro

Action Area: Modernising the Crown Minerals Act

Strongly agree

Why?

What future actions would you like us to consider under this Action Area?

Action Area: Securing affordable resources to meet our minerals and energy needs

Strongly agree

Why?

But we have to do things differently using renewable energy instead of fossil fuels wherever possible excepting things like steel production.

What future actions would you like us to consider under this Action Area?

Action Area: Improving Treaty partnership

Strongly agree

Why?

What future actions would you like us to consider under this Action Area?

Action Area: Improving stakeholder and community engagement

Strongly agree

Why?

This always helps to get everyone on board with why things need to change

What future actions would you like us to consider under this Action Area?

Action Area: Improving industry compliance

Strongly agree

Why?

Without it we will not reach zero carbon by 2050.

What future actions would you like us to consider under this Action Area?

Stop all new coal mining coal burning plants stop gas and oil exploration and fracking for oil and gas.

Action Area: Research and investment in better mining and resource use

Why?

What future actions would you like us to consider under this Action Area?

Are there any other action areas you would like us to consider as part of advancing this Strategy?

Other

Are there any other comments you would like to make about the “Minerals and Petroleum Strategy for Aotearoa New Zealand: 2019-2029”?

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